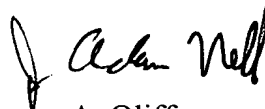


REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 13 is added.

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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